

Fair.
Fair tonight, Friday unsettled, probably with light rains or snow and variable winds.

DAILY and WEEKLY, reaches the home of buyers who trade in North Adams. It is read by those of all classes whose trade is most valuable to merchants.

BUSINESS CARDS

UNDERTAKERS.
Simmons & Carpenter.
Furnishing Undertakers, No. 20½ Eagle street,
North Adams, Mass.

CARRIAGES.

Edmund Vaudin,
Carriage and Wagon Binder. Manufactures
and sells light carriages, sleighs, and buggies and
heavy wagons. Binders are made at short
notice. A work warrant is represented. Re-
pairing in all its branches at reasonable terms.
Dealer in all kinds of factory wagons and car-
riages, harnesses, robes, and blankets. Center
street, rear of Blockinton block.

LAVERIES.

Ford & Arnold
Livery, Sale and Boarding Stable. Main street,
opposite the Wilson House, North Adams. Also
concessions for weddings, parties, etc. First
class single and double services at short no-
tice. Also large coach to and from all trains.
Telephone 24-10.

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J. Coon.

Cab Service. J. Coon will run a first-
class cab to all parts of the city from 1 p.m. to 1
a.m. Telephone 1-2-3.

MONUMENTAL WORKS.

Mooney & Walsh,
Engravers and Cutters of Native and Foreign
Granite and Marble. No. 19 Eagle street, North
Adams.

Professional Cards.

VETERINARIANS.
Dr. George E. Harder, V. S.
Veterinary Surgeon and Lactist. Office, Ford
Farm, 20½ Eagle street. Telephone 225. Office hours
from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m.

PHYSICIANS.

C. W. Wright, M. D.
Physician and Surgeon. New Bank Block,
Main street. Attending Eye and Ear Surgeon at
Central Hospital. Formerly clinical assistant at Central
Hospital. Formerly also Assistant Surgeon at
London Eye Hospital and Nose Hospital. Classes
properly fitted.

R. D. Canedy, M. D.

Physician and Surgeon. Office hours 11 to 1, 4 to
5, and 7 to 8. Office 89 Main st. Residence, 11
Pine-st. Expenses and night calls at residence.
Telephone 33-4.

A. Magnant, M. D.

Physician and Surgeon. Office 22 Summer
street. Office hours 1 to 3 p.m., 7 to 9 p.m.
Telephone 33-4.

C. C. Henin, M. D.

Physician and Surgeon. Office and residence
Post Office block, Bank street. Specialist in the
diseases of children and women. Office hours, 9
to 11 a.m., 1 to 3 and 5 to 6 p.m.

DENTISTS.

John J. F. McLaughlin, D. D. S.
Dental Parlor, Union Block Main street. Crown
and bridge work a specialty. Teeth extracted
without pain. Office hours 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., 2 to
5 p.m., 7 to 8 p.m. Price 50¢ to 75¢.

ATTORNEYS.

W. E. Arnold,
Attorney and Counselor-at-Law. Office, Rooms
3-4 Boland block, Main st., North Adams.

John E. Magenis.

Attorney and Counselor at Law. Office Kim-
ball block, Main street, North Adams.

William H. Thatcher.

Attorney and counselor at law. Office Room 5,
Kimball block, Main street, North Adams.

John H. Mack.

Attorney and Counselor at Law. Office in the
North Adams Savings Bank building, 17 Main st.

W. H. GAYLORD.

Ladies' Jackets
and Capes.

We are making special
prices on all our Jackets and
Capes.

Goods were never better.

Prices never so low.

We give you better value
for your money than any other
cloak house.

Remember that we are
the only house that is selling
Kid Gloves at the old prices

Thanksgiving sale of
Table Linens and Napkins.

Choice styles and low
prices.

W. H. GAYLORD.

Good Homes and
Splendid Investments

Among the bargains I have for sale I would
call particular attention to the following:
Room House and 14 acres of land on Rich-
mond Hill, Ashland, and 3 new houses on Ashland street, one a two-
story house, Ashland and Davenport st.,
no ground floor, and 2 others, one a two-story
house, and 2 others, desirable investments in other
parts of the city.

E. J. CARY,

Real Estate Bought and Sold.

SAMUEL GULLY & CO.

Local News!

CADY CONFIDENCE

There Are Dollars in the
Pockets of the Cady Men
Ready to Be Bet.

DEBATES IN THE FACTORIES

Is the Workingman to Be Simply Used
or Benefited? Cady Sentiment
Growing. Large Registration.
Estimate of the
Winning Vote.

Some
Unusual
Values
in
Gloaks,
Silk Waists,
Wrappers,
Dress Skirts,
Infants' Gloaks.
For
Friday
and
Saturday.

Local News!

THE POULTRY SHOW.

Finest Ever Held in This Section. Nu-
merous Entries and Fine Birds.

The North Adams Poultry and Pet
Stock association opened in Odd Fellows'
hall Wednesday evening the most suc-
cessful poultry show that has ever been
held in this city. The entries in the show
amounted to nearly 1000 and the manage-
ment had to refuse almost 100 on account
of room. The hall was filled with cages of
the finest fowls that have ever been
seen in this section. Good judges say that the show has
never been surpassed at a point nearer
than New York city. It will continue
until Saturday evening, and the public
have an opportunity to call and see the
excellent collection of birds. The admis-
sion fee is only 25 cents. The judges of the
show are Messrs. Zimmerman of Johnstown, N. Y., and Wiss of Lee. The
association has worked hard to provide a
surpassing show and it has accomplished
its aim.

Two Special Cars

Quite a number from this city will attend
the 10th annual ball of Company M at
Adams Friday evening. Superintendent
Neary has decided to run a special
electric car at 1 o'clock. There will also
be one at 2:30 o'clock. The ball will end at
2 o'clock Saturday morning but as there
were a number here who wished to
arrive home early the first car will be run
for their accommodation. It will leave at
1 o'clock sharp.

Electron of Officers.

The annual meeting of the woman's
relief corps was held at the Grand Army
hall Wednesday night. These officers
were elected: President, Emma Billings;
senior vice-president, Louisa Oakes;
junior vice-president, Harriet Lee; trea-
surer, Viva Hicks; delegates, Louisa Oaks
and Viva Hicks; chaplain, Harriet Eaton
guard, Emma Sanders; alternate dele-
gate, Annie Snyder and Angie Card.

Challenge Accepted.

We, the Blackinton Junior football
team, wish to accept the challenge issued in
Wednesday's TRANSCRIPT by the
Twisters of Blackinton and will meet them
on the Blackinton grounds Saturday
afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and administer
to them the worst trouncing they ever re-
ceived. We don't want their money or
matches, but want the game and will
have it, so, Twisters, show up or shut up.
JOHN RAINY.

Pleasant Party.

A necktie party was held at the home of
John Schreiber at 178 East Main street
Wednesday evening in honor of the birth-
day of Miss O'Neill. Whist, dancing
and many other amusements were par-
ticipated in. The party broke up about
midnight after a very pleasant evening
was spent.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. Broderick and Miss Nellie Spendif
are visiting friends in Hoosick Falls, N. Y.
Miss Nova O'Mara and Miss Anna Stan-
ton have returned from Hoosick Falls, N.
Y., where they had been visiting friends.

Mr. Johnson of Mattapoisett is the guest
of F. L. Burnham, supervisor of drawing in
the public schools.

Rev. G. W. Brown will occupy the pul-
pit in the Methodist church in Fort
Plain, N. Y., Sunday. He was formerly
pastor of that place. His son, Rev. F. T.
Brown, will occupy the local Methodist
church pulpit.

Miss Bertha Mitchell of Bracewell
avenue is the guest of friends in Spring-
field.

Victor Noel is visiting friends in
Albany, N. Y.

BLACKINTON.

P. J. Mahoney is under the care of Dr.
Gale in suffering from an severe attack of
the grip.

The Salvation Army entered Blackinton
last evening and held a very enthusiastic
rally in Blackinton church.

Dr. William Galvin was called to the
mill Wednesday afternoon to attend
Arthur Rowlands whom he found suffer-
ing from a dislocated knee cap, received
in a fall.

In a recent publication of a North Ad-
ams paper reference was made to the
Blackinton Hall fund, and for information
it should be said that the money is
on deposit in a North Adams bank, held
for the Ladies' Aid society of
Blackinton by Mrs. Melinda Rickards,
treasurer of the above organization. The
interest each year is increasing the fund,
and at the proper time the money will be
used, but at the present the amount is not
sufficient to undertake the erection of a
building.

James R. Chippendale, who was nomi-
nated for school committee at the Re-
publican caucus Tuesday evening has had
charge of the Blackinton and Greylcock
union schools for the past two years, and
to Mr. Chippendale's credit it is said,
that he has made a very efficient school
committee, and with Mr. Pritchard and O.
A. Archer should be re-elected as a vindi-
cation of the excellent service he has ren-
dered the schools.

Dickinson mentions some 14-carat
gold watches at \$20. Here's a
Christmas hint.

Irish frieze ulsters at Cutting's, ready to
give battle to North wind and snow.

Holiday novelties in plenty at Foun-
tain's.

*Calman's "Hudson Club" cigar, 5c.

*Hot waffles piping hot with maple
syrup, at Hosford's. Day and night.

*Miss Laura Griswold of 20 Summe-
ster has a full line of art embroidery
goods for the holidays.

*Calman's "Hudson Club" cigar, 5c.

By Telegraph

DINGLEY'S VIEWS.

Quite Probable That Cuba
Will be Recognized
by Congress.

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 2.—Congressman
Dingley left for Washington today. In
an interview he said the appropriation
bills would be taken up first, then bank-
ruptcy legislation and currency questions.
He believes the Hawaii treaty will either
be promptly ratified by the senate or an
annexation resolution passed. A strong
pressure for some kind of action may
compel congress to pass a belligerency
resolution in the Cuban matter. He be-
lieves the American people are in sympa-
thy with insurgents.

Yale Will Row Cornell.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Dec. 2.—The Yale
authorities today rendered it possible to
state categorically that Old Eli will measure
blades with the champion Cornellians
sometime next June. Briefly put, Yale
is out for a race with Cornell and a con-
test is so far assured as to be lacking only
in details which will be agreed upon later.

Bruce for Register.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The president today
appointed Blanche K. Bruce of Mis-
sissippi to register of the treasury. Mr.
Bruce represented Mississippi in the seat
in the reconstruction days and is one
of the best known negro Republicans in
the country. The position to which he is
appointed is one he held some years ago.

Death Sentence Fixed.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., Dec. 2.—In the super-
ior court here today Judge Sherman sent
enforced Lorenzo Barnes to be hanged on
March 4, 1898, for the murder of John
Deane, a farmer of Maynard, whom Barnes
killed last December. The prisoner
received the sentence very coolly.

McKinley's Mother Stricken.

CANTON, O., Dec. 2.—Mrs. Nancy Allison
McKinley, the mother of the president,
was stricken with paralysis this morning
and it is feared will die within a few
hours.

Off the Wires Today.

A special from Shanghai says the
emperor of China has declared he would
rather lose his crown than agree to con-
ditions demanded by Germany as to
redress for the murder of two German
missionaries.

Martial law has been proclaimed in
Prague today as a result of the rioting
there and elsewhere, growing out of the
animosity of the Slavs and Czechs against
the Germans. Rioting was resumed at 8
o'clock this morning when stores and
houses in two streets of the old town were
pillaged. Seven battalions of infantry and
two squadrons of cavalry were called
out to disperse the mob.

The German garrison in the center
of the city was plundered by a mob
which was finally dispersed by a charge
of soldiers and police.

Besides resenting the German jubila-

tions and illuminations on clubs and beer
halls over the fall of Count Baden, the
Czech population was still further inci-
tated by the speech of the Czech burgo-

master delivered Monday night to the
town council.

Two special sufferers from the riots
are Baron Von Aehrenthal, a represen-
tative of the German landowners in the
rechristian, and Count Von Salm. The
former's palace is on the Wenzels-Platz.
The mob smashed the windows and tore
out the window frames in the ground
floor. Similar outrages were committed at
Count Von Salm's palace, which is the
editorial office of the German paper
Bohemia. The Aehrenthal palace was
boarded up, but the rioters soon removed
the planks and threw large stones into
the luxuriously furnished rooms, smash-
ing valuable objects of art and costly
furniture.

Damage to the amount of many thou-
sands of dollars has been done to Ger-
man firms, clubs and other institutions
having German proprietors or patrons.

The constant cry of the rioters was,
"Down with the Germans!" "Down
with the Jews!" Ladies venturing on the
street were obliged to wear the Star of David
color in order to avoid being attacked.

German signboards are being hastily
removed by their owners and replaced
with Czech inscriptions. Nobody dares
to utter a word in German.

Thousands of Czech miners
streamed into Prague last evening from
the surrounding villages to assist the
rioters. The scientific instruments in
the German university and high school
have been destroyed and valuable archi-
vies preserved for a long time in the
Kinsky palace, the largest in the Alz-
stad, have been burned. The Kinsky
palace was plundered of its furniture,
which was thrown through the windows,
heaped in the street and set on fire, the
mob preventing the fire brigades from
approaching.

The authorities, concluding that the
situation had become critical, decided to
declare Prague under martial law.

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FROM
THE TRANSCRIPT BUILDING, BANK STREET,
NORTH ADAMS, MASS.

I know not what record of sin accrues me in the other world; but this I do know, that I never was so mean as to despise a man because he was poor, because he was ignorant, or because he was black.

—John A. Andrew.

MEMBERS ASSOCIATED PRESS.

The latest telegraphic dispatches from all parts of the world are received exclusively by THE TRANSCRIPT up to the hour of going to press.

"WE HOLD THE WESTERN GATEWAY."

From the Seal of the city of North Adams.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, DEC 2, '97

Advertisers in THE TRANSCRIPT are the best business men in this community. Their advertisements are worth reading, and they are the firms with whom to trade most advantageously.

THE ASSESSOR'S PROBLEM.

The office of assessor in any city of the size of North Adams is a very important office and one that involves much labor and should demand a large amount of time of its holder. There is no problem harder than the problem of just taxation, and there is no office more difficult to fill capably in this city than the office that fixes valuations and dictates who shall pay taxes and what share each shall pay.

What has been the history of the office of assessor in North Adams since the city government was organized? It has been a record of resignations and refusal on the part of competent men to serve a second time. At the council meeting Monday evening the resignation of George F. Miller was tendered and accepted. Mr. Miller had long experience on the board and is a past master in the art of keeping records and books. His valuable services are now to be lost to the city. And why? Because he cannot afford to neglect his own business for the mere pittance of a salary paid and take the time necessary to do the office justice; and because he knows that for \$300 a year able and efficient men would not continue to accept the office and aid him in the performance of its arduous duties. No man fit to be an assessor in North Adams wants to accept \$300 for the work required of an assessor. He can earn far more in other work if he is a man of sufficient ability to be a good assessor.

The evidence of all three of the assessors of the past year is to the same effect—that no man who has any business whatever can afford to be an assessor. Mr. Ford's refusal to seek a re-nomination proves that he agrees with Mr. Miller as to the office being undesirable at the salary now paid. The fact that the office has gone begging in this city campaign proves that men capable of filling it properly cannot afford to take it. And the men now who are willing to be candidates would take it only because they feel they can perform its duties "in spare time between other business," a very poor conception of the performance of so important a duty.

The simple fact is, that if North Adams is to have competent assessors the city must pay the price for competent men to give full and ample attention to the office. The present low salary paid is a penny-wise and a pound-foolish policy. No other city in the commonwealth pursues the low salary policy for assessors. The time has come when North Adams cannot do so unless it is willing to put up with incompetent assessors, or trust to able men sacrificing their own interests for the city's business,—which is a poor sort of trust.

Pittsfield pays its three assessors \$1700 a year, pays for the clerical work connected with the office and furnishes the assessor with an assistant in each ward. Yet Pittsfield's assessors are about the lowest paid of any city in Massachusetts.

Other cities have found it profitable to pay a proper salary for competent men for the office of assessor. The present assessor signs in North Adams would indicate that the time had come for North Adams to do the same thing, or find no men competent for the office willing to take it. It is not pleasant to urge an increase of the city's salary bill. But it is only common sense to urge that no important an office as that of assessor be properly paid so that the best men possible may be secured to fill it?

WARD 7.

AN ARTICLE OF FAITH.

Because It Has Been Proved

in North Adams.

The remarkable cures accomplished in North Adams by California Catarrh Cure during the last seven months are something to astonish and convince the most skeptical. No wonder the people believe in it; no wonder a prominent druggist lately said: "Belief in California Catarrh Cure is an article of faith in North Adams, because people know for themselves without regard to what any interested parties say, of course it has wrought among their friends and neighbors." Why? People have suffered for years, and never dreamed they could get any relief by trying anything and some day a friend says: "California Catarrh cured me, it will cure you, and you won't have to wait and find out about it either. It relieves all concern."

Here are the words of one of your neighbors now, telling why she believes in it. You know that is true because you know her.

Mrs. Edgar Montgomery, 35 Brooklyn street, North Adams, says: "I feel grateful to California Catarrh Cure for the way it has benefited my little boy. His head was in a terrible condition; catarrh had so stupefied the passages of the nose that it was hard work for him to breath, and he was constantly snuffing. Since using C. C., which I got at Burlingame & Darby's drug store, the relief has been so great that he can now breath easily and sleep better nights; it has also greatly lessened the snuffing which was very annoying to me, and I think by a thorough use will cure him entirely."

California Catarrh Cure is sold in a great big bottle for 50 cents, and one nearly three times as large for one dollar. Nothing else is "as good" no matter who says so for nothing else cures as quickly.

California Catarrh Cure is sold at all drug stores.

In cases of Hay Fever, California Catarrh Cure gives instant relief, and used in season it will entirely prevent the malady.

AMERICAN ENTERPRISE.

How recently it seems that the bust for Oklahoma was made when Uncle Sam took down the reservation gates, and the word "Oklahoma" was on every one's lips as Klondike is now. But in the short interval American enterprise has once more given evidence of its world-beating capacity.

People who have had no especial reason for keeping an eye on the growth of the territory of Oklahoma will be astonished to learn from the report of the secretary of the interior, that the population is now considerably in excess of 300,000. A noteworthy thing about the settlers of Oklahoma is that they are for the most part natives of the United States, "the proportion of foreign-born being smaller than in any state of the Union. At the last election Oklahoma cast 53,000 votes—5,500 more than Florida and 11,000 more than Delaware.

The relative importance of Oklahoma cannot be fairly gauged by comparing its estimated population in 1897 with the census count of Florida and other states in 1890. The state census of 1895 makes the population of Florida 465,032. To say, as the Oklahoma governor's report does, that the population of Oklahoma "outanks a dozen different states" is to invite criticism and to throw discredit on his own figures of Oklahoma's growth. It will be generally accepted as indisputable that Oklahoma is growing fast. She may

not be growing as fast as he claims. If she is, she is the only place in the world that has been able to strike and keep such a gait as that.

The state and national legislatures are getting ready.

The assessor problem in this city has reached the acute stage.

H. T. Cady gains in strength every day. All that is needed to elect him is time to think it over.

Yes, THE TRANSCRIPT has made the Hamer caucus-pickers very uncomfortable. They don't like us for it.

Will Marshall Ford, when elected assessor, demand that all taxes be paid in silver and valuations be made on a free-silver basis?

The conference of a citizens' committee with a committee of the delegates to the Democratic city convention makes it look as if there would be a strong ticket nominated Friday night.

Why should not the proper Board of Trade committee take the trading stamp question in hand and report at the coming meeting of the board? Let us know how this scheme affects local trade.

THE TRANSCRIPT's charges of fraud against the Hamer workers at the caucuses have been vindicated. Another young Democrat will not ingratiate Republican caucuses. This sorry business has been made too uncomfortable to be repeated.

It is not apparent that the Hamer men who vouched for one Legare were a Republican in Tuesday night's caucus, care to try conclusions with THE TRANSCRIPT as to this matter. We are ready and were ready, when we told the truth about the Legare affidavit, to sustain our position.

Stages

NORTH ADAMS AND READINGSBORO.
J. E. PAULINER, Proprietor

Leave Post Office, North Adams 1:30 p.m.

Leave Post Office, Readingsboro, 8 a.m.

Finest and Most Up-to-date
Printing at the TRANSCRIPT Office
at prices paid elsewhere for poorer
work.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

A daughter was born Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Foster of Clarksburg.

A daughter was born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gentile.

Seats are now on sale for Joe Ott in "The Star Gazer," at the Columbia Saturday.

Miss M. L. Blanchard of Adams, E. N. Rice of Charlemont and J. Turner of this city, entered Ellis Business college Monday.

—Way is it that John Bresnahan, Ira Hoxie, John Parker and William Aspin are now being kept in the background? They are the ones who first launched the Hamer boom and they ought to have the credit of it. Perhaps they expect their reward later. How would this be for an administration to back up Mr. Hamer? Ira Hoxie, chief of police; John Parker, city treasurer; John Bresnahan, chief of the fire department and William Aspin, superintendent of streets?

COMMUNICATION.

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT.—The boys down on Johnson's ground are laughing at the way "Arthur" was done out of being ward committee man for Ward 7. Ever since "Arthur" moved into Ward 7 he has had an idea that he was competent to run that ward. And "Arthur" is pretty slick too. Well, on the day that the Republican caucuses were held "Arthur" went down to see "Saccarappa," and said to him "I think that you ought to go on to the ward committee." "Saccarappa" said "No I don't want to go on, you go on." "Arthur" replied, "No, you go on." Each was anxious that the other should go on and so they compromised by agreeing that they both should go on and that a Frenchman should be the third man. So far everything went well, but when "Arthur" got into the caucus that night he found that his name was left off from the ticket and that "Saccarappa's" name was on with two Frenchmen. Now who was it that dumped "Arthur" and how does this affect his prospect of being a political leader in the seventh ward? It seems that the Hamer leaders can't square with each other. Funny ain't it?

WARD 7.

—Rev. G. V. Stryker of the White Oaks has called a meeting of the executive committee of the Greylock Christian Endeavor union, to be held at the Congregational church in this city Monday evening.

—Rev. James H. Spencer, the new pastor of the Baptist church, has arrived with his family and has gone to the Wilson to remain until the parsonage is put in condition.

He commences his duties by taking charge of the prayer meeting this evening.

—Rev. H. S. Johnson of Pittsfield will lecture at the Baptist chapel tomorrow evening on the subject "An Impostor Abroad, or a Baptist Prison in Europe."

During the evening a trio composed of C. L. Beardess, John Hawes and William Phillips will give instrumental selections.

—List of letters advertised at the North Adams, Mass., postoffice, December 1, 1897: Mrs. Mary G. Corbin, Miss Rosie Dennew, Mrs. F. Marcotte, Miss F. Read, Mrs. J. W. Vanderwerf, R. L. Bartlett, Jr., Clinton Craft, Dally Connon, L. Gokej, John Hamyak or Hamyle, Fred Jeffers (2), Addor Mathieu, Fred Nonne, James Shaw, Albert Varley, Herbert Wells, Wilt Warner, Nonparalel Art Co., Sam Currier.

—The farmers' institute held Wednesday at Mason hall, Savoy, under the auspices of the Hoosac Valley Agricultural society was well attended. Two session were held, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon. The speaking at both sessions was by Hon. S. A. Hickox of South Williamstown, who gave his brother farmers some good points on "How to Feed the Dairy Cow" and "The New England Farm." A good dinner was served by Landlord Butler and the gathering was of interest and profit to all who attended.

—The Result of a Fall.

Miss Esther Hathaway is at the home of Mrs. Adams on Bracewell avenue, where she is suffering from concussion of the brain. A week ago she fell on the sidewalk on Eagle street. She struck on the back of her head and has since been confined to the doctor's care.

Mrs. E. C. Canedy went to Middletown for a week's visit with relatives and friends.

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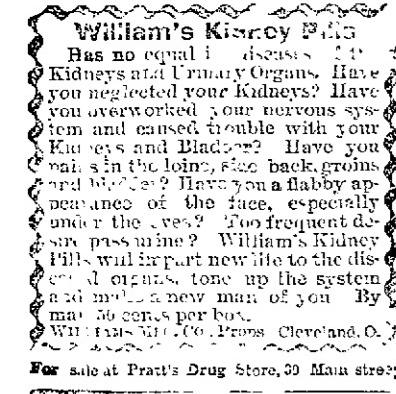
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Newspaper ARCHIVE

AT ADAMS TODAY

Col. Frye Spoke Interestingly.

The Young Men's club of the Congregational church inaugurated a series of lectures and formally opened their club room for the winter season in the Congregation house, last evening. There was a good attendance. A number of members of the Young Men's club at St. Mark's church were present and Company M attended in body.

The lecture was delivered by Col. James A. Frye of Boston. Col. Frye is a member of the governor's council, an assistant inspector general of rifle practice and secretary of the National Society for Coast Defense. His subject, "The Science of Coast Defense" was handled in a manner which revealed a perfect knowledge of the problem. It was interesting and highly instructive. There was not one present but knew a great deal more about Uncle Sam's ability to cope with an attacking force at the close of the lecture than he did an hour before.

From 7.30 until 8.00 a reception was tendered to Col. Frye in the club rooms which had been handsomely decorated with American flags for the occasion. A flag also adorned the lecture platform.

The lecture was delivered in the auditorium. The Congregational male quartette favored with vocal selections. Attorney William Morton, president of the club, presided and introduced the speakers.

The difference between coast and harbor defense, said the speaker was not generally understood. Coast defense may be divided into two classes: a. Coast defense—the navy's province; b. Harbor defense—for the army and fixed works.

Col. Frye gave the history of defenses and compared the conditions in the revolution with the present time. He also traced the gradual growth and progress. During the past eight years, of the monies appropriated by the government 45 cents out of every dollar was for pensions; eight cents of every dollar for the army; eight cents out of every dollar for the navy; five cents out of every dollar to improve rivers and harbors; and only four mills out of every dollar to provide guns, mortars, fortifications, torpedoes and auxiliaries that are required to guard this country from foreign aggression.

The reason why so little progress had been made in providing the country with adequate coast defenses is because Americans out of mind have believed that the time to prepare for war is when war comes; that the navy alone can defend the coast and harbors; that torpedoes dropped casually into the water will keep off hostile fleets; and even if all these things fail millions of Americans will rise up to sweep the foe from the earth.

Colonel Frye demonstrated that in case of war the navy would be unable to defend the coasts and harbors of the country. Hence it was the duty of every man to do all that he could to secure a better system of fortifications.

Broke Through the Ice.

JAMES R. PICKETT of this town, had a narrow escape while fishing through the ice at Cheshire reservoir Wednesday. He was with a couple of companions cutting holes in the ice when he broke through and went down into the cold water. As he came up his head broke through the ice a short distance from the place he went down, and in trying to get out the ice broke about him and he was unable to get out. One of his companions thoughtfully placed a board out over the ice and in this way he got out. It was a narrow escape from drowning, and Mr. Pickett, who is an enthusiastic fisherman, will not care to encounter the same experience again this winter.

A Good Record.

Principal T. K. McAllister of No. 8 Commercial street, states that for the past 12 weeks there has not been a boy in his room absent, tardy, or dismissed. This is truly a remarkable record and one seldom heard of. The tendency for boys is to try and skip school once in a while at least, and many times they try to be tardy. The boys in this grade are all studious and they are deserving of credit for their excellent attendance. Girls in the class have been absent and are unable to claim such a record. If there are any other schools which have such good attendance we would be pleased to give them mention.

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Death Claims Paid.

Sept. P. J. Stanton of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company has paid the following death claims: Mrs. Maria Tully in the life of her mother, Mrs. Mary McNulty \$140; Mrs. Anna Litzenberger on the life of her husband, John Litzenberger \$92.

Has Been Postponed.

The final games in the pool tournament between the North Adams and the Colonial clubs have been postponed until a week from tonight on account of the death of Mr. Cady who was a member of the former club.

Scalded Her Hand.

Mrs. Ann Daley of Park street met with a painful accident Wednesday afternoon. She was boiling a ham and in removing it from the pot in which it was boiling, some of the hot water spattered on her left hand and scalded it quite badly.

K. C. Notes.

Quite a number of the members of the local council will attend the working of the third degree of the Knights of Columbus at Greenfield December 17. At next Tuesday evening's meeting of the local council an election of officers will be held.

A son was born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. James Barrett of Ronfrew.

Victor Faase was in New York on business this week.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the Congregation house Friday afternoon.

A meeting of the St. Jean Baptiste society will be held this evening.

Miss Kate Shea of Cheshire visited friends here Wednesday.

Miss Carroll of Worcester is the guest of local friends.

Mrs. F. Andler of Pittsfield is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Tower, of Hoosac street.

R. N. Richmond is in Boston on business.

Thomas Hughes of Bowens Corner has been on the sick list.

The regular devotions of the League of the Sacred Heart will be held at St. Thomas' church Friday evening.

Much for Fifty Cents.

A limited number of tickets will be sold in this village for the entertainment and supper at the South Williamstown Congregational church December 10, when the cantata, "Santa Claus' Dream," will be rendered by a well drilled chorus. The tickets, which will cost 50 cents, will pay for transportation from this village and return admission to the entertainment and for supper. The price is low enough and it is probable that all the tickets will be sold.

To Williamstown Readers.

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THE BROWN HEARING.

Will Take a Week to Present One Side of the Case.

The case of the L. L. Brown paper company against L. L. Brown was resumed Wednesday morning before John A. Alken as auditor, and all the counsel were present. Since the hearing last year, a new bill of particulars has been filed and allowed, whereby the amount in issue is not so large as before, and now aggregates about \$500,000. Expert Accountants Buss of Boston was the first and only witness called, and he has been making an examination of the books since last fall at various times. The plan now adopted simplifies the matter, so that it is thought the testimony for the plaintiff can be put in this week. A number of the disputed items were explained by testimony from the books, and several exceptions were taken by the defendant. In the new bill of particulars the matter of discount on notes is eliminated, so that much of the matter in dispute is out of the case. The hearings will be held from 10.30 each morning until 4.45 p.m., as most of the parties have to go to Adams and the city.

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To Assist the Minstrels.

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First tenors, Dick Davies, Will Mumford, Will Howells, Jake Clement; second tenors, Di Mumford, Will Phillips, John Chapman, Tom Thomas, Clem Jones, first basso, Richard Howells, John Edwards, Frank Jones, Arthur Terry; second basso, John Phillips, Hubert Rudman, Tom Williams, Maurice Phillips; musical director, Harry Garsang.

The Star Gazer.

"Joe" Ott, "Phil" Ott, "Matt" Ott, Tim Cronin, Alf. Hampton, W. A. Tolson, "Tom" Fennie, John St. George, Wm. Eastis, Misses Louis Montrose, Addie Gley, Alice Bonner and the three Rosebud sisters, make up the personnel of the company that will present here Saturday evening at the Columbia that ever we come combination of absurdities known favorably as "The Star Gazer." There was nothing slow about "Joe" Ott. He is a natural born comedian, and in "The Star Gazer," the author has furnished the talented actor with a vehicle that gives him ample scope.

District Court.

The cases in court this morning were as follows:

Frank Shanks, Jeremiah Crowley and Thomas white, drunkenness, fined \$5 each.

Louis Lafiamme, stubborn child, continued Saturday morning.

John Crumm, drunkenness, placed on three months' probation.

James Donnelly, vagrancy, fled away.

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WOODFORD.

Who Did the Shooting.

Another hearing has been held to see if corroborative evidence can be obtained as to who shot John Harbour. The Bennington Reformer points strongly to Frank Smith as the guilty man, while others have their opinion. Most of the family of the departed one do not think that Smith did the shooting. Frank is a very natural appearing fellow if that could be on his mind. He is now an employee in the Will Bowles lumber camp. It is now said and on pretty good grounds, too, that two prominent Bennington young men whose names never have figured in the case, were adjacent to the deer camp on Glascottengen mountain that memorable night of September 30, 1897, and who were back at their homes in Bennington the next morning, saying that they had all the hunting they wanted. It is also known that two other fellows from out of town put up their horse in Bennington and went on that mountain, also, but who did not stay to try a shot at the deer on October 1. To be sure, Smith and Robinson wended their way several miles through the dark forest that night, which act the Reformer maintains shows guilt, but when it is recalled that both these men testified at the first hearing that the reason they did that was because where they intended to pitch their camp was occupied, and coupling this with the fact that Smith was well acquainted with the mountains and had as lief travel a couple of hours by lantern light, it precludes the idea in our mind that from this alone, Smith is the man who accidentally shot John Harbour.

George Tudor and ladies of Somersett attended the dance.

There was good sleighing and skating Thanksgiving day. The next day there was no snow nor ice.

Martin Cutler has bought of Loren Sweet of White Creek, N. Y., his span of "3010" greys.

Florence Mosher of North Bennington is finishing the term of school in Judge Woodward's district. Miss Hyde was obliged to suspend teaching on account of serious illness.

Arthur Billings has gone to Waterbury to spend the winter with his mother and sister.

The dance last Wednesday evening was not largely attended. Music was given by Butts and Brinner and supper served at the Mt. Pleasant house.

James Cutler spent Thanksgiving at Waltham and Boston. He will be absent several days.

A birthday party for Mrs. F. L. Bowles was given at her home in Leominster, Mass., recently and a fine gold chain was presented her. We notice an account of the pleasant occasion in the local paper of that town.

Mrs. Bowles has moved his family to his job at the Briggs-Billings place.

THE NEW ARRANGEMENT.

The Salvation Army in this Section Has a New Plan and Officer.

Ensign and Mrs. Reed of Lawrence have come to this city to take charge of the local corps of the Salvation army. The ensign holds his first meeting in this city tonight. He will have oversight of the North Adams and Pittsfield corps. These corps have been united into one section under the new regulations whereby it is sought to reduce the expense of the conduct of the army and to make it more effective. The local wood yard is included in the section.

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